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" I. They adopt the measures named and prescribed in the *Réglement Sanitaire Général* for keeping out the pest and for preventing its spreading, annexed to the present convention, which shall have the same force as if it were incorporated herein.

" II. The proper authorities of Morocco shall be urged to carry out measures similar to those prescribed in the above-mentioned *réglement* in the ports of that country.

" III. Countries that have not taken part in this conference or those that have not signed this convention, may accede thereto in the usual manner.

" Notice of adhesion shall be given to the Italian Government, through diplomatic channels, and it shall notify the other signatory governments.

" IV. The present convention shall remain in force for the space of five years from the date of the ratifications thereof. It shall, by tacit consent, be renewed every five years, unless, six months prior to the expiration of said period of five years, one of the high contracting parties shall have signified its intention to arrest the operation thereof.

" In case one of the Powers shall give notice of its intention to withdraw from this convention, said withdrawal shall effect that Power alone.

" V. The high contracting parties reserve the right of proposing through diplomatic channels, such modifications as they may deem it necessary to make to this convention or to its annexes.

" The present convention shall be ratified; the ratifications thereof shall be deposited at Rome as soon as possible after it shall have been signed, and within a year at latest from the date of the signing.

" In faith whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed this convention and have thereto affixed their seals.

" Done at Venice, the 19th day of March, 1897."

The following-named Powers signed without reserve: Austria-Hungary, Belgium, France, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Luxembourg, Montenegro, and Roumania.

The Powers that signed ad referendum were: Greece, Persia, Portugal, Servia, Spain, and Turkey.

The German representative signed with reserves as to certain measures to be taken in Europe.

The Swiss representative signed for the measures to be taken in Europe.

The representatives of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and United States accepted the convention ad referendum.

Summing up the decisions of the conference, there seems to be but little danger of the pest reaching Europe this year—

First. Because the pest is only slightly contagious or infectious, but is due to local telluric conditions, and improved hygienic and social conditions throughout Europe make it difficult for the pest to get a foothold on this continent.

Second. Because it is not transmitted by the atmosphere or by running water.

Third. Because the Great Powers have done all that it was possible to do to discourage the Mussulman pilgrimage to Mecca.

Fourth. Because the sanitary measures prescribed for the surveillance of the Red Sea and Persian Gulf will be faithfully carried out.

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CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*Rome, Italy, March 29, 1897.*

#### STATISTICAL REPORTS.

**BAHAMAS—Dunmore Town.**—Two weeks ended April 22, 1897. Population, 1,472. No deaths.

**Governors Harbor.**—Two weeks ended April 24, 1897. Estimated population, 1,500. No deaths.

**Green Turtle Cay—Abaco.**—Two weeks ended April 8, 1897. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths.

Two weeks ended April 22, 1897. No deaths.

**Inagua.**—Month ended March 31, 1897. Estimated population, 1,200. No deaths.

CUBA—*Manzanillo*.—Two weeks ended March 31, 1897. Estimated population, 15,000. Total deaths, 43, including enteric fever 4, and scarlet fever, 1.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns of England and Wales during the week ended April 17 correspond to an annual rate of 17.9 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 10,992,524. The highest rate was recorded in Salford, viz, 28.1, and the lowest in Croydon, viz, 9.5 a thousand.

*London*.—One thousand four hundred and eighteen deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 27; scarlet fever, 8; diphtheria, 30; whooping cough, 43; enteric fever, 2, and diarrhea and dysentery, 9. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 16.6 a thousand. In greater London 1,852 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 15.4 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 7 from diphtheria, 6 from measles, 20 from whooping cough, and 6 from scarlet fever.

*Scotland*.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended April 17 correspond to an annual rate of 22.3 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,549,907. The lowest mortality was recorded in Leith, viz, 18.0, and the highest in Perth, viz, 26.0 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 665, including scarlet fever, 4; diphtheria, 6; measles, 39, and whooping cough, 39.

INDIA—*Singapore*.—Month of February, 1897. Population, 56,000. Total deaths, 588, including phthisis pulmonalis, 64, and beriberi, 100.

MORTALITY TABLE, FOREIGN CITIES.

| Cities.              | Week ended. | Estimated population. | Total deaths from all causes. | Deaths from— |               |           |               |                |                |             |                             |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
|                      |             |                       |                               | Cholera.     | Yellow fever. | Smallpox. | Typhus fever. | Enteric fever. | Scarlet fever. | Diphtheria. | Measles.<br>Whooping cough. |
| Aix la Chapelle..... | Apr. 10.... | 112,357               | 46                            |              |               |           |               |                |                | 2           |                             |
| Amsterdam.....       | Apr. 17.... | 495,589               | 169                           |              |               |           |               | 1              | 3              | 1           | 5                           |
| Belfast.....         | Apr. 3....  | 281,431               | 155                           |              |               |           |               | 10             | 2              | 1           | 5                           |
| Do.....              | Apr. 10.... | 281,431               | 155                           |              |               |           | 1             | 10             | 2              | 1           | 5                           |
| Do.....              | Apr. 17.... | 281,431               | 146                           |              |               |           |               | 9              | 1              |             | 6                           |
| Belize.....          | Apr. 22.... | 13,000                | 6                             |              |               |           |               |                |                |             |                             |
| Belleville.....      | Apr. 26.... | 10,459                | 1                             |              |               |           |               |                |                |             |                             |
| Bergen.....          | Apr. 7....  | 57,800                | 21                            |              |               |           |               |                |                |             | 2                           |
| Bermuda.....         | Apr. 16.... | 15,013                | 2                             |              |               |           |               |                |                |             |                             |
| Birmingham.....      | Apr. 10.... | 508,772               | 177                           |              |               |           |               | 1              | 2              |             | 6                           |
| Do.....              | Apr. 17.... | 508,773               | 178                           |              |               |           |               |                | 2              | 3           | 3                           |
| Bluefields.....      | Apr. 10.... | 3,000                 | 1                             |              |               |           |               |                |                |             |                             |
| Bologna.....         | do.....     | 150,646               | 83                            |              |               |           |               |                |                |             |                             |
| Bombay.....          | Mar. 30.... | 821,764               | *1141                         | 1            |               | 2         |               |                |                | 14          |                             |
| Bradford.....        | Apr. 3....  | 221,610               | 68                            |              |               |           |               |                | 1              | 1           |                             |
| Do.....              | Apr. 10.... | 221,610               | 78                            |              |               |           |               |                |                |             |                             |
| Do.....              | Apr. 17.... | 221,610               | 61                            |              |               |           |               |                |                | 1           |                             |
| Bremen.....          | Apr. 10.... | 142,500               | 42                            |              |               |           |               | 1              | 1              |             |                             |
| Bristol.....         | Apr. 3....  | 232,242               | 74                            |              |               |           |               | 1              | 1              |             | 5                           |
| Do.....              | Apr. 10.... | 232,242               | 77                            |              |               |           |               | 1              |                |             | 7                           |
| Do.....              | Apr. 17.... | 232,242               | 68                            |              |               |           |               | 1              | 1              |             | 8                           |
| Brussels.....        | Apr. 10.... | 509,985               | 162                           |              |               |           |               | 2              |                | 3           | 1                           |

\* Plague, 496.